

DAVID CLARK

Biography from the Lehi Centennial History.

David Clark was the son of William and Margaret Clark, and was born May 28, 1816, at Lincolnshire, England. Being of a very ambitious turn of mind and desiring to better his condition, he left his mother country in 1841, and sailed for America. He engaged in the stone cutting business, at which he had remarkable success.

One year after he arrived in this country, he was convinced of the truths contained in the gospel of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and was baptized into the Church by the Prophet Joseph Smith. He lost his first wife and two children in St. Louis by cholera.

He was married to Miss Myra Williams, November 26, 1849, and as years rolled on they were blessed with six children, namely, James, David, Myra, Rachel, Annie, and Nelson.

Shortly after his marriage, he and his wife prepared for their journey to Utah. On April 7, 1850, they started with a wagon, two yoke of oxen, a cow, and provisions. They joined an independent company of a dozen wagons. The buffalo were so numerous upon the prairie that they caused many delays.

They traveled over the old emigrant trail, reaching Salt Lake City August 26, coming to Lehi September 10, 1850. Mr. Clark and his family suffered all the hardships of the pioneer life in the early days. In 1862 he was assigned to missionary work on the Rio Virgin river in southern Utah.

He died March 1, 1889, having borne throughout his whole life a reputation for sterling integrity, and honesty of purpose in all his dealings.

Mr. Clark organized and led the first choir in Lehi.